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Dear Commissioner Powell and other commissioners,

I am writing to urge that you delay consideration of the proposed new regulation that would allow greater concentration of ownership in electronic media until there has been a full opportunity for public input on this issue.

Every outside observer agrees that the proposed regulations would effect a massive change to the status quo. Such a reform should not be taken without a complete opportunity for public input. Very important matters of public interest are at stake including not only the level of concentration of ownership that would result but also the effect this would have on the diversity of news and information that the public would receive. A healthy democracy needs a broad diversity of views available.

I have not heard any decent reason why this regulation should be rushed through the regulatory process without a full opportunity for public participation. Delaying consideration of the proposed regulations until a full public process can be conducted will go a long way towards reassuring current critics that the policy changes are both necessary and in the public interest.

Sincerely,

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